

FANS HAD LONG, LONG WAIT...

Wycombe Wanderers 2, Bromley 1.

TWO goals in two minutes gave Wycombe Wanderers two Isthmian League points against Bromley at Loakes Park last Saturday in yet another of the season's dull and drab games that are easily forgotten.

Although Wycombe never looked like losing the encounter, they consumed a lot of time and energy before finally snaring the first goal in the 73rd minute.

And this only came through a penalty!

It was a cross from Derek Gamblin which lured Bromley defender Miles into hitting the ball clear.

Referee Turvey pointed to the spot and Tony Horsemann slammed his 20th goal of the season past keeper Beerling although the custodian dived in the right direction.

Wycombe's supporters' glee had hardly subsided before Gamblin was again racing down the right wing and sending another cross into the penalty area.

Beerling managed to knock the ball clear but Brian Langfield was quick to the ball to make it 2-0 after 75 minutes.

With this brace of goals, the game was won and lost — the 26th time the Essex side have lost this season.

But Bromley, whose stubborn defence had kept Wycombe at bay for most of the match, wasn't going to give up lightly after the two-goal battering.

In fact, in the 81st minute Pettet bustled his way through the Wycombe defence and beat Maskell to put the ball into the net and reduce Wycombe's lead to 2-1, the final score.

Newly returned Searle was unavailable

match and Spittle and Bullock were omitted from the team with Mick Holifield going to the substitute's bench.

But it wasn't long before Holifield's services were required as in the 26th minute Alan Gane was taken from the field with a head gash after a sideline incident with Bromley's Peter Deadman.

Amos booked

The first half markedly lacked excitement and biggest roars from the crowd came after 15 minutes when Bromley were awarded a free kick and Tony Amos standing within ten yards behind the



WYCOMBE'S Larry Pritchard does a foot juggling act in the match against Bromley at Loakes Park as midfield opponent Miles

ball refused to move.

Ref Turvey was quick out with his book and put the Wycombe number 11 down in it.

The second half as a considerable improvement with action coming within a minute of the restart after a long throw by Amos was knocked to Larry Pritchard whose screamer went over the bar.

Ten minutes later a Gamblin cross was met with a strong header by Holifield which went just wide of the far post.

The combination of Horsemann and Pritchard were a constant threat to Bromley

minutes of the second half.

Wycombe stormed into attack and a Bromley defender had to smother the ball in desperation but his "hands" was outside the penalty area.

Wycombe muffed the set piece move when the kick was taken too early requiring Amos to stretch for the ball but the winning goals followed in quick succession after this incident.

Late goal

Bromley should have grabbed one goal back in the 77th minute when they had two attackers through on a sparse Wycombe defence but Maskell held them off.

Maskell couldn't keep Pettet out four minutes later but managed to punch Wycombe out of a dangerous situation two minutes from time.

After Saturday's rounds, the top bracket of the Isthmian League reads: Hendon 65 points, Leatherhead 50, Tooting & M. 49, Walthamstow Ave 48, Kingstonian and Sutton United 47, Wycombe Wanderers 46.

looks on. Miles was closer to the ball in the second half — it was his "hands" that gave Wycombe a penalty and the lead.

whose otherwise unfaltering nerve began to crack after 25